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Crucial Test For Govt.

BRITISH BUDGET DEBATE

London, Mar. 23.—The Labour Government, which has a majority of only five votes, today refused to allow Parliament to debate the Seretse Khama affair. It also fixed Budget Day—April 18—as the next crucial test of its precariously maintained authority.

Observers were surprised by the ease of its victory on the question of the native African chief who married a white woman.

The Government White Paper, published yesterday, giving reasons for withholding recognition of Seretse's chieftainship of the Batswana tribe, left Liberals still burning for a debate in which to force a censure motion.

But the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Herbert Morrison, leader of the House of Commons, was not prepared to concede the right of the Liberals—unopposed by others—to demand a debate and a confidence vote.

SHORT RESPIRE

The Government's respite from crucial divisions and confidence issues is likely to be short. If the Budget, as predicted, contains a fresh austerity blizzard in the Cripps manner, there will be fierce Conservative challenges and trouble among its own supporters.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, knows that a large section of the Government's 8,000,000 trade union followers is hostile to the official wage freeze policy and wants to see living costs lowered.

The Conservatives—who had promised, if returned to power, to introduce immediate income tax and other relief—will also assail a hard budget.

The political side of Labour, deeply anxious about the still soaring costs of living, will regard unremitting austerity in the Budget as an evil portent for their Party if there is an early Election.—Reuter.

Leaves Prison To Die

Detroit, Michigan, Mar. 23.—A broken old woman was freed from prison today to join her family and die. She is Mrs. Minnie Lambert, 61, who had spent the last 18 years behind bars for the passion slaying of her husband.

She will die, doctors said, within 10 to 15 days of cancer, a heart ailment and asthma.

Her 10 children appealed to the Governor, Mr. G. Mennen Williams, to let their mother die in freedom. Today he signed a commutation, and a few minutes later she was wheeled into an ambulance and for a hospital. "So happy she can hardly believe it,"—Reuter.

BIG BOMBER CRASHES

Tucson, Arizona, Mar. 23.—One of America's new long-range super-bombers, the B-50, crashed with 14 people in the flat Arizona Desert today, killing at least nine, according to first reports.

The plane, a modernized version of the B-29 Superfortress, crashed west of Gila Bend on a routine training flight. The South Pacific Railway office at nearby Hyder reported that nine bodies were found. Two airmen were still alive but the fate of the others was not known, it added.

Officials said it was believed an engine caught fire when the bomber was flying at over 10,000 feet.—Reuter.

SECOND DISASTER

New York, Mar. 23.—An American Air Force Dakota transport plane crashed and burst into flames in a driving snowstorm near New York today, killing one man and injuring another slightly.

The crash occurred just after the plane had taken off from Rome, near here.—Reuter.

Goose Electrocuted

Forrest City, Kansas, Mar. 23.—Farm families near here enjoyed goose dinners today.

Lightning struck a flock of geese yesterday and 50 were electrocuted.—United Press.

Australia To Outlaw Reds

SPECIAL LEGISLATION IN NEAR FUTURE

Industrial Crisis Looms Big

Canberra, Mar. 23.—Australia today invoked far-reaching emergency powers—including the right of immediate arrest, the banning of meetings and the death penalty for treason—to fight labour disorders and Communism.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Robert Menzies, invoking the Emergency Crimes Act, said that its powers would be used against Communists pending the passing of special legislation to be introduced soon to outlaw the Communist Party in Australia.

Faced with a steel and shipping strike crisis, the country also proclaimed "a state of serious industrial disturbance."

The proclamation, issued by the Governor-General, said that the situation was "prejudicing or threatening trade and commerce with other countries and among the States of Australia."

Mr. Menzies told a tense House of Representatives, "We will deal with Communists here open and for all. We will carry the fight to the Communists."

ROLLING STRIKES

The proclamation arose directly from a series of "rolling strikes" on the Brisbane waterfront but the Government's new powers, which would be exercised "with vigour and complete determination," would apply to other current strikes.

He gave the House details of accumulated losses in export handling over a long period and cited cases of 10,000 boxes of butter and thousands of tons of general cargo intended for Britain left unloaded on the wharves.

The Crimes Act gives the Federal Government powers to meet almost everything from treason, sabotage, attempted revolution down to forgery and offences against police officers.

Penalties range from death for treason to various terms of imprisonment.

Mr. Menzies described the penalties under the proclamation and said that it suited plainly what could happen to people who inspired this lawless policy.

POLITICAL STRIKE?

It was understood here that the Government would await week-end events before enforcing the powers proclaimed.

Labour Members expressed the unofficial opinion that the Queensland shipping dispute was not an economic strike in a depressed industry. Labour had given the watersiders "all kinds of good conditions," these observers said, but they persisted in industrial action.

They felt that the strike was political and that there would not be any wholehearted response from the trade union movement to Communist appeals for assistance.

The Brisbane shipping strike began in Sydney in January and has since spread to other Australian ports.

Strikes in the rich coalfields of Northern New South Wales during the past three weeks have threatened a crisis in the Australian steel industry.

Tramwaymen in Victoria have been on strike since February 22 in support of their demand for higher wages.—Reuter.

Armed Robbery In Kowloon

Shortly after 6.30 this morning, three men armed with revolvers and knives gained entry through the back door into No. 900 Canton Road, ground floor, premises used as a shop. They threatened the inmates and were about to start ransacking when resistance was offered.

In the struggle, a woman suffered a slight stab wound in the lower part of her back.

The surprising resistance panicked the robbers who immediately abandoned their plans and fled, taking with them one gold finger ring.

350,000 Threaten To Go On Strike

Brussels, Mar. 23.—Belgium's Privy Council of 28 Elder Statesmen, last assembled on the eve of war in 1914, met today to cope with the enmity between Flanders and Wallonia over the return of King Leopold to the Throne.

As the Councilors assembled in the marble hall of Brussels Royal Palace, more than 350,000 workers threatened a 24-hour strike tomorrow as a "warning" against any attempt to bring the King back from his provisional exile in Switzerland.

The chief strikes would be in the highly industrialized Walloon provinces, where on March 12 the referendum showed 56 percent opposed to the return of the King, though 57.6 percent of the nation as a whole favoured his return.

STATESMEN MEET

Count Henri Carton de Wiart, 70-year-old Catholic ex-Premier, presided over the meeting of the Elder Statesmen, made up of 13 Catholics who favour the return, seven Socialists who do not, and eight Liberals who are divided.

Count de Wiart, who yesterday accepted the task of forming a new Government, put off Cabinet consultations today until after the Council meeting.

In the pro-Leopold Flemish provinces of the North, the workers are not expected to join in tomorrow's stoppages.

The strikes, according to union officials, will be general throughout Wallonia and Brussels, and will halt industry throughout the day.

The big Southern coal-mining belt will remain idle until the first shift goes down on Saturday and gas and electricity workers have also decided to go down tools, except for key workers to ensure power to domestic consumers.

SKELETON SERVICES

Telephone and telegraph will maintain skeleton services only. Airport officials said tonight that the strike may seriously interfere with air services in and out of Brussels.

Tramway services throughout Wallonia and Brussels will stop at midnight. Most taxi-drivers have agreed to join the strike.

Railwaymen will stage a two-hour stoppage in the afternoon to take part in the anti-Leopold parades in Liege, Mons and Charleroi.

Council school staffs in Wallonia have told parents not to send their children to school tomorrow as they will be staging a strike against the King's return.

At Brussels University, 4,000 students and 300 professors have agreed to suspend studies for a day.—Reuter.

POLICE STONED

Roanne, Central France, Mar. 23.—Fifteen policemen were injured, two of them seriously, and 23 arrests were made today when about 1,500 people tried to prevent tanks and other war materials being taken from the arsenal to the railway station at Roanne, Central France.

A crowd gathered in response to Communist leaflets and threw stones at police and Republican Security Guards.—Reuter.

Six-Hour Pitched Battle In Streets

Children And Policeman Killed

RIOTS IN SOUTH ITALY

Rome, Mar. 23.—Italian troops and police put down the Communist insurrection in San Severo on Thursday after a six-hour pitched battle in the streets. The town is in the "bloody Puglia" area of South Italy.

Preliminary reports said that one policeman and two children were killed, and at least fifteen other persons were injured in the fighting with guns, grenades and clubs.

The authorities said some ten thousand Communists took part in the insurrection. They attacked the local police headquarters, overwhelmed the badly outnumbered security force, and seized the town of fifty thousand.

The Army announced that it gained complete control of San Severo at 2 p.m., six hours after the fighting started when a Communist band attacked and disarmed two policemen at a butcher shop. Violence then flared up throughout the town. The Communists stormed and seized the town armoury and then police headquarters.

A riot call brought reinforcements from Foggia, eighteen miles to the south, and the battle was on.

The security force sent armoured cars against the Communists who hurled grenades, sniped from rooftops, and fought hand to hand with clubs, scythes and rocks. Even after the Army announced that it had regained control, sporadic bursts of gunfire still could be heard, and diaphanous bands held out in homes, church steeples, and on rooftops.

The townspeople were ordered into their homes for an indefinite curfew. Troops sealed off the town. Although the situation seemed to be under control, reinforcements of security forces will be coming in from neighbouring towns. A United Press correspondent who tried to enter San Severo was stopped by troops. For the time being, no one has been permitted to leave.

The battle was the worst of three years of widespread disorders and unrest. It was touched off by the Communists' defiance of the new security measures decreed by the government last Sunday.—United Press.

NEARLY NORMAL

Rome, Mar. 23.—Italy returned to near normal today after yesterday's 12-hour nationwide strike, called by the Communist-led General Confederation of Labour.

Thousands of armed policemen and soldiers took over the market town of San Severo, near Foggia, in Southern Italy, today after a street battle between police and 4,000 strikers. The strikers threw a hand grenade and police were reported to have been injured. Another five were disarmed, two of them at pistol point.

Police officials said that the area tonight was "tense but calm."

They said the incident had been "provoked" by local Communists.

Scattered riots were also reported this evening from a number of other places in the Foggia region.

At Castellana, about 3,000 men rushed the Town Hall and held the Mayor a prisoner in his study for about an hour. He was rescued by a police baton charge.

A daylong general strike in the northern city of Parma, a protest against yesterday's shooting there, apparently passed off quietly. Public transport was halted and almost all shops, offices and factories were closed.

About 60 demonstrators and 20 policemen were injured in clashes throughout the country yesterday.

In all, the police authorities detained about 2,000 people, most of them for a few hours only.—Reuter.

Shops Defy Red Order

All Quiet Again In Saigon

Saigon, Mar. 23.—The Communist strike order fizzled badly here on Thursday despite rebel threats that any open shops would be bombed.

The rebels, led by Moscow-trained Ho Chi-minh, called the strike to back up demands for the release of fifteen persons jailed after Sunday's anti-American rioting, in which three persons were killed and about sixty injured.

But at least four fifths of Saigon's shops remained open, and the police, instead of retreating from the alleged riot leaders, took six more men into custody. Two were seized while trying to get native workmen to walk off their jobs in French military supply warehouses. Four others were charged in connection with the demonstration on Sunday against the presence of the American destroyers Stickle and Anderson. The naval vessels sailed on Monday after a four-day "good will" visit.

NATIONAL HOLIDAY

Because Thursday was a national holiday, it was difficult to estimate just how effective the strike was. But all military and civilian plants operated normally, and only one shop in five was closed. French Indo-China celebrated in memory of three sisters who fought the Chinese many years ago. Saigon itself was quiet, and police took no special precautions against possible bomb throwers.

Meanwhile, the French military headquarters announced that French troops repulsed a rebel attack against an outpost near Tien Hiao, 18 miles north of Saigon, and that "several" rebels and one French soldier were killed.

Unconfirmed reports said Catholic priests in the territory held by the Viet Minh rebels, have been restricted to their villages on Ho's order.—United Press.

GOVT WINS VOTE

London, Mar. 23.—The Labour Government won a vote by a majority of 48—the highest of the new Parliament—in the House of Commons tonight. It was a vote on a minor food question.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

The Unofficials Speak Up

THE forceful criticism of the Unofficials in Wednesday's debate on the Budget was a heartening sign that these gentlemen are willing, and able, to present a case which at least approximates to popular sentiment. More important, the criticism was not carping in motive, but serious and constructive. Government is confronted with an array of penetrating queries, as well as a challenge, which cannot satisfactorily be disposed of merely by insisting that the official viewpoint on budgeting, revenue-raising, spending, affecting public services and facilities, like the law of the Medes and Persians, is unalterable. Whatever the final vote on the Financial Secretary's motion to a "Bill" introduced an Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding \$199,051,037 to the Public Service of the financial year ending March 31, 1951, neither the Financial Secretary nor his governmental colleagues can escape the fact that one proposal incorporated within this Ordinance is diametrically opposed to majority opinion in Hongkong. That proposal, of course, is an increase in direct taxation. It is, therefore, something for Government to conjure over before it insists upon putting through the proposed legislation from which will be derived powers to apply those increases. This we have previously discussed, but because of its importance as a direct test of Government's professed allegiance to the democratic principle of bowing to majority opinion (especially on a vital issue) we do not hesitate to re-emphasise the point. But several other matters of first-class importance caught the critical attention of the Unofficials, and most of them demand definite assurances from Government of urgent consideration, and satisfying action if Government's good faith is not to be called into question. One subject is that of denials claims, applicable both to war-time requisitioned property and to that, since Liberation,

which has been taken over by the Services. Government may not be originally responsible for any of these involvements, but Government has to act as representatives of the individuals and companies who continue to suffer hardship consequent upon requisitioning. As Mr. Cassidy expressed it: "To my mind it is utterly wrong that the Home Government should procrastinate in settling the claims." The procrastination is all the more deplorable in view of the fact that the Imperial Government is now making an issue out of the Colony's contribution to the cost of the reinforced garrison. We have insisted before, and do not hesitate to repeat, that the defence of this Colony is but part of an overall scheme involving the whole of the Commonwealth, and that our share of its cost can only, and must be, proportionate. And against this relative charge should be placed outstanding official debts for war-time and post-war requisitioning. It is the only fair way of resolving the two-fold problem. Moreover, it is time that anybody, anywhere, who imagines that Hongkong, because it has enjoyed remarkable prosperity since the war, can sustain any amount of mauling, should rid themselves of the idea. This Colony, as elsewhere, has a national income, which makes it capable of bearing a certain amount of taxation and extraneous charges, but no more. But Hongkong cannot be indiscriminately "milked" to meet ever-increasing administrative costs and unlimited defence contributions simply because it has enjoyed a successful immediate post-war era. The Colony feels confident that when the Financial Secretary and the Colonial Secretary discuss this question of defence contributions in a few weeks' time they will make this point very clear, and that they will not hesitate to ally the subject of paying for the reinforced garrison with that of the War Office, honouring their requisitioning obligations.

PROPERTY DISPUTE

Appeal Against Eviction Fails

Giving judgment in the Supreme Court this morning, Mr. Justice Gaud dismissed the appeal brought by Far East Aviation Co., Ltd., and the Far East Motors Ltd., against an order made by the Tenancy Tribunal for eviction from No. 26, Nathan Road, Kowloon. By consent, no order was made as to costs.

The respondents were F.M.L. and A.M.L. Soares, executors of the will of the late Adam M. L. Soares and A. M. Alves and Cynthia M. Alves, executor and executrix of the will of the late Carlos M. Alves.

Mr. Eldon Potter, KC, the Hon. Leo d'Almeida, KC, and Mr. D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva and Mr. A. M. L. Soares, appeared for the respondents while the appellants were represented by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, KC, instructed by Mr. D. B. Evans.

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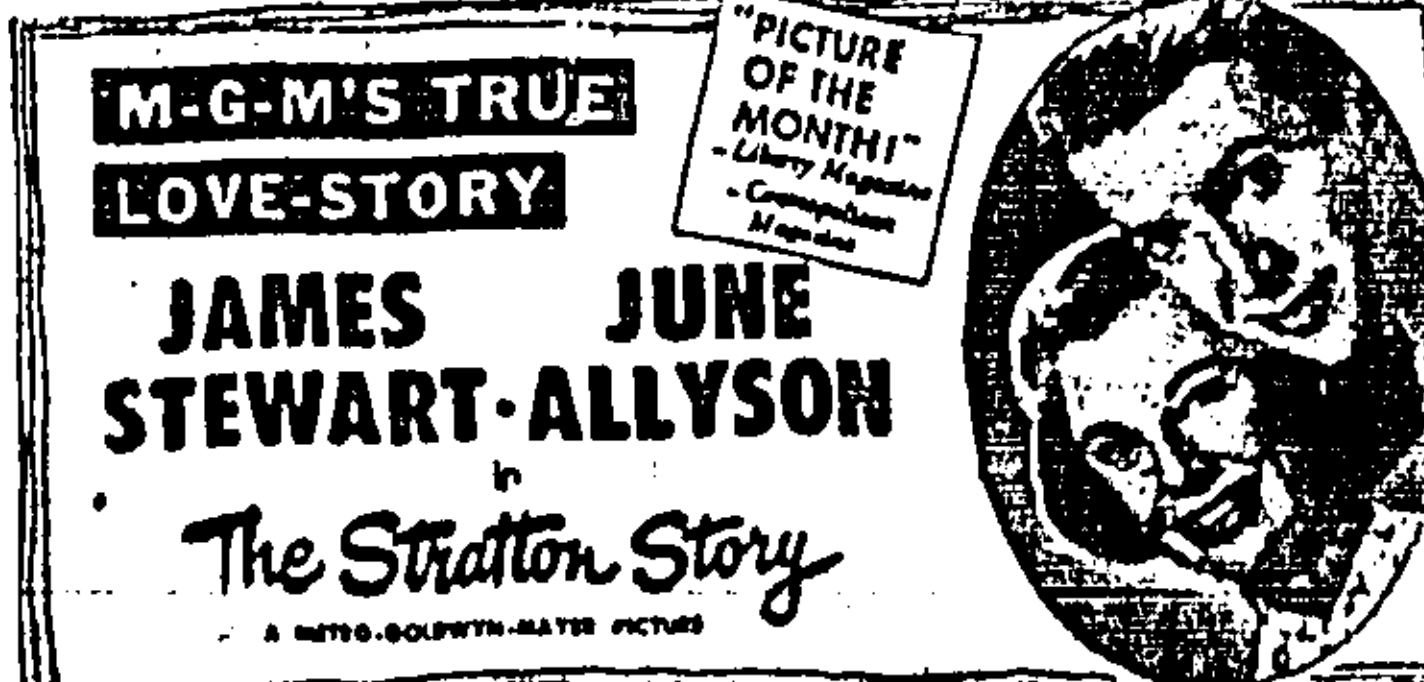
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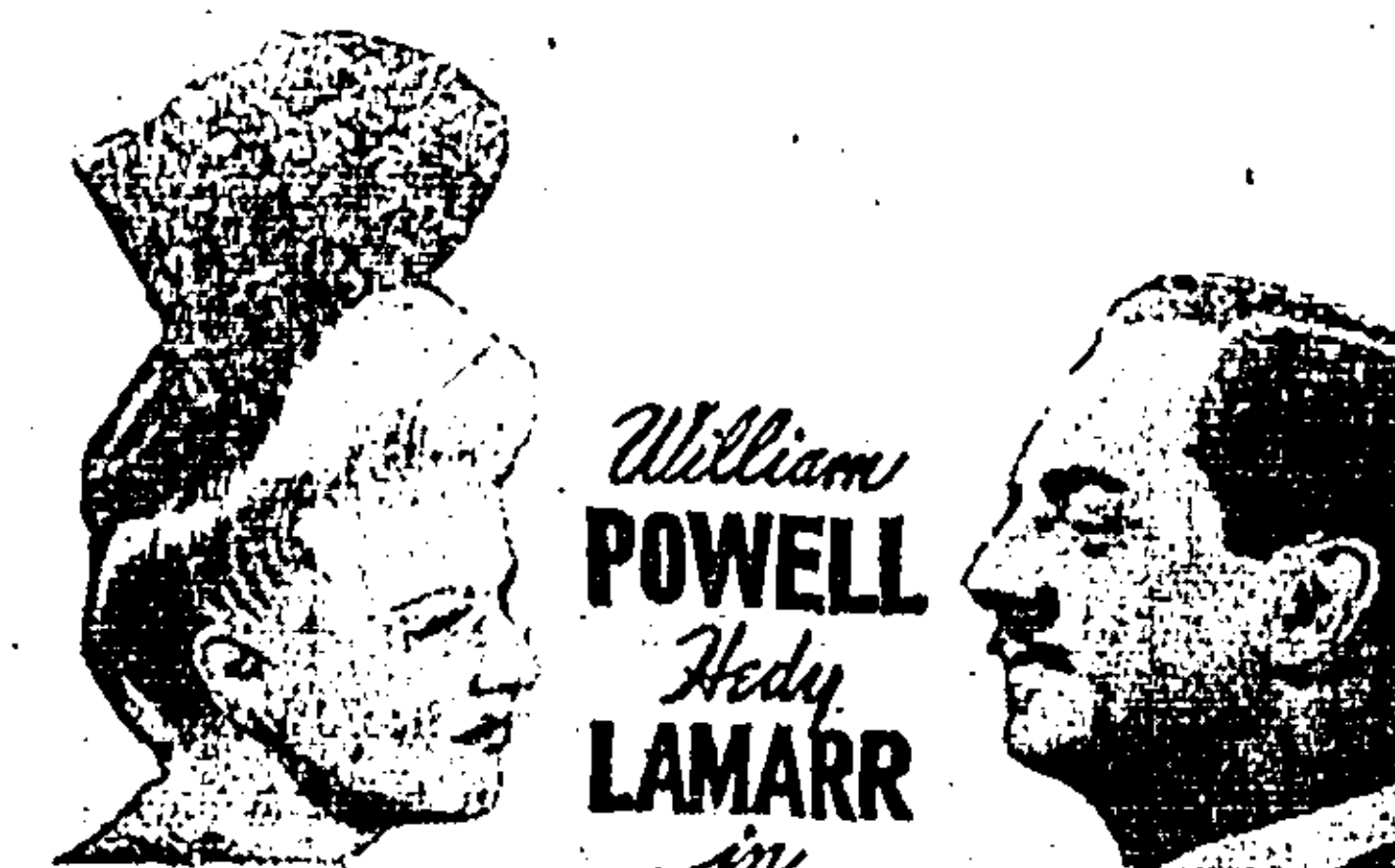
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NOTION

By VERA WINSTON

THE SHORT skirt replaces shorts for a new notion in resort wear. Shown, is a raspberry coloured rough weave linen skirt gathered on a waistband. There is one large square patch pocket at one side. With the skirt is a cream coloured, long-sleeved blouse with a casual neckline. Other details include flapped pockets cut in one with the blouse, and full, push-up, cuffed sleeves.

Time Shows There's Nothing
New In Shoe Styles

NEW YORK.

THE platform sole was big stuff in 16th century Venice, where elegant ladies teetered about on still-like shoes with platform 12 inches high.

The grandfather of the "loafer," now the universal footgear of college girls, was a flat moccasin with long pointed toe worn in England about 1460, and the ballet slipper was a favourite fashion of Princess Victoria back in 1820.

A visit to the Costume Institute of the Metropolitan Museum of Art reveals these and other facts about the long history of shoes. The first recorded slippers were flat and very narrow, sometimes measuring no more than an inch and a half across.

FIRST SLIPPERS

It was in the latter 1600's that Queen Elizabeth of England wore the first heeled slipper, made from the early Venetian clogs. The story is that she had the idea from an Egyptian butler who had devised the heel to keep his feet out of blood as he went about his work.

The fashion for high heeled shoes spread rapidly to the French court. During the time of Mme. Pompadour heels soared so high that ladies of fashion sometimes required assistance

going up and down stairs. Marie Antoinette had shoes to match each costume, and her shoe wardrobe was so large that it required a special index system.

The flat shoe returned during the French Revolution, and as at all, but for the mistake came during translation into English, when "pantoufle en vair" (fur slipper) was interpreted as "en verre" (glass).

During research for the fabulous transparent bejewelled slipper he designed for the modern "Cinderella," Herman Delman discovered that the "glass slipper" of Charles Perrault's famous fairy tale was not glass at all, but fur. The mistake came during translation into English, when "pantoufle en vair" (fur slipper) was interpreted as "en verre" (glass).

High Sophistication



By ALICE ALDEN

THE ATTRACTIVE little hat that derives straight from the bonnet and that is worn with an accent on the down-beat is always with us, since it is both becoming and smart. Here is one of the elegant entries for spring,

a sophisticated model of navy millan straw, designed by G. Howard Hodge. It is detailed with a gently peaked brim and bloused crown, and for colourful trimming, there is a huge bow of picot-edged chausseuse tulle, striped with millan straw.

IDEAL FOR
CRAMPED QUARTERS

By ELEANOR ROSS

MODERN building conditions, especially in large city apartments, whether of the luxury type or the large developments, are likely to result in restricted room dimensions. And so there is increased interest in double-duty furniture. The new offerings have developed far beyond the double-duty pieces, and wear an air of elegance, formality and charm that makes them right for any interior, restricted or otherwise.

Swedish Modern

From Sweden is a new group, mostly elaborately veneered and done in adaptable Swedish modern. A boon for the many folk who work at home. There is a "home office" unit. Four doors

of a tall, imposing, but amazingly unbulky cabinet open to reveal a multiplicity of pigeon holes, adjustable shelves, movable trays and the like, adding up to twenty-four spaces of assorted shape and size, a cinch for filing. A leaf drops down to provide an expansive working space and there is even room to store a portable typewriter.

A very handsome piece that appears to be a simple two-door cabinet in soft walnut, has two open shelves that would be fine for china or books. One pulls the brass handles and opens a drawer that turns out to be an extension table leaf supported by a single leg, yet entirely sturdy.

Bedroom Piece

New bedroom pieces show ingenuity and beauty, too. One lovely group is fashioned of red coloured natural Honduras mahogany. A single-legged table in this group is placed atop a small three-drawer chest to make an interesting version of a vanity table. Or the table alone might be attached to the wall to serve as a small writing desk.

The headboards offer interesting ideas as for example, a slight dip in the centre of an otherwise straight wooden headboard, extends beyond the mattress on either side, leaving room for matching night tables in front of the headboard itself.

In the sectional groupings, an interesting dining room unit is made up of a single chest, a double chest, and centered above these, a narrow, long, glass-fronted cabinet. We admired a side chair with an open top handle that makes for easy moving.

Jewels In Paris



Tasselled earrings of pearls and diamonds are accompanied by a bracelet of cultured pearls in this offering by designer Pierre Balmain in Paris.

Household Hints

After sewing a rayon dress, let the garment hang for at least 24 hours before turning up the hem. This procedure is to make sure that any bias sections of the skirt hang evenly.

Be sure your hands are completely dry before you plug in or disconnect electrical equipment. Moisture is a good conductor of electricity, so if your hands are wet or damp, you may receive a severe shock if you handle electric cords.

Keep peeled garlic buds in salad oil in your refrigerator. They will keep indefinitely, and will flavour the oil which you can use in your French dressing.

If you sew small snaps on curtains, you can snap them up out of the way when sweeping or airing a room.

Calling Hongkong



Lucy Fung, of the Hong Kong Section, who broadcasts daily on subjects of interest to women in Hong Kong and Malaya, and on events of cultural interest in Britain.

Sportswear
Seen At
Famous Resort

Palm Springs.

In daytime and playtime fashions at this fashionable desert resort, more slacks costumes are worn than have been seen for several seasons; tailored shorts in above-knee lengths continue favourites; red-white-and-blue colour schemes register repeatedly; and gold is a favourite accent colour. For instance:

Short Slacks. White gabardine shorts worn with a white lawn blouse with two flap pockets high on the bodice, smaller pockets on the sleeves.

High-Waisted Sweater. Banded in red, white, and blue to give an added significance. Worn with white shirtdress. Red, white and blue used in slacks costume. Here it is done with navy fly-frog slacks; matching cardigan with the popular gold embroidered insignia on the pocket; red, white and blue knitted band T-shirt with knitted sleeve similarly banded. Navy denim hat is stitched in white.

Popular slacks suit at Palm Springs is one in navy gabardine with fly-front and with waist-length jacket. Turtle-neck slacks in chausseuse sweater is popular.

Reducing one
pound per day

A Hollywood actress claims she lost seven pounds in seven days by eating only ice cream three times a day.

Investigating a complaint of a disturbance, Fort Worth, Texas, police found a 78-year-old father spanking his 48-year-old son.

Take a Backward Look



When you wear a formal dress, give back and shoulders a smooth, mat finish by patting on a special liquid. This liquid also removes shine from nose, forehead.

By HELEN FOLLETT

WITH formal almost backless scrubbing with soap suds, after which treat the flesh lightly to ward glance because that part friction with a soft cloth that of the svelte anatomy in the has been dipped in eau making of an attractive figure, de cologne. The alcoholic content will dissolve the black points.

Pick up a hand mirror, stand before a large one, take a survey. This may be the first time you have really seen your back. If you are a sweet young thing, you may be surprised to find that the nape of your neck is not snowy white, but still carries a slight suggestion of discoloration left there by too much sun bathing, and tanning in the good old summer time. If this happens to be the case, trot to the nearest cosmetic counter and buy yourself a jar of bleaching cream.

The upper portion of the back is a favorite abode for blackheads, if the skin is inclined to have them. They can come almost overnight if one has been wearing a silk frock or wool that has waited too long to go to the cleaner. But do not despair. Give your back a rousing

When you wear an evening gown apply a special liquid to your back. It is designed to give skin a smooth, mat finish.

Let's Eat
BY
IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Hungarian Dinner Party

ONE difference between Continental and American cooking is the extensive use of butter and a substantial appetizer. This was brought most pleasantly to our attention at a Hungarian dinner party given to us in New York City in a little restaurant.

There were not only the usual grapefruit and juices of various kinds, but fillets of herring flanked with thin slices of onion, a wedge of lemon and garnished with watercress. Chopped chicken livers were nestled in lettuce leaves and topped with a gold and white crest of chopped hard-boiled egg. Calves foot jelly was moulded and served with lettuce, parsley, sliced tomato and a wedge of lemon. Slices of cold fish stuffed with celery, parsley and bread crumbs were decorated with lettuce and served with horse-radish. And what was most delightful, there was cooked chopped eggplant garnished with chopped onion, tomato, a lemon wedge and parsley.

Tomato Gravy

"The brisket was beautifully cooked, Madame, fork-tender and with a tomato gravy. The garnish was parsley. The potato pancakes were sizzling hot, and it had been cooked long enough to take away any raw floury taste."

The breast of chicken had evidently been steamed, sliced thin, reheated, placed in a hot low casserole, the mushroom cream sauce poured over. This sauce was made partly with cream and it had been cooked long enough to take away any raw floury taste.

The desserts were unusual, in that the fancy pastries were served hot. The Chef was most enthusiastic over a heated Mohn (or poppyseed) horn. For my own desert I had the famous Hungarian palacsintas, given in this column.

Dinner

Grape Fruit or Egg Plant Appetiser. Braised Brisket of Beef. Potato Pancake. Cauliflower with Butter Sauce. Cranberry Relish. Cheese or Lekva Palacsinta. Coffee or Tea Milk (Children). Include enriched bread or rolls with butter or margarine.

All Measurements Are Level. Recipes Serve Four

Egg Plant Appetiser.

Wash 1 medium-sized egg-plant. Place it about 3 in. from the broiler and broil until the skin is brown and cracked and the eggplant is fork-tender. To serving on lettuce.

Suggestion of the Chef

For an interesting egg appetiser, serve chopped hard-cooked eggs mixed with chopped green peppers and onions, and season with French dressing containing plenty of paprika. Heap each to serving on lettuce.

VIETNAM IS THE GREECE IN STRUGGLE FOR ASIA

POCKET CARTOON
by OSBERT LANCASTER



DANNY KAYE MAY PLAY SHAKESPEARE

Danny Kaye, the biggest box-office success in London since the end of the war, is embarrassed by the numbers of offers he is receiving trying to persuade him to return there for more stage appearances.

Danny, twice uncrowned King of London when he appeared at the top variety theatre, the Palladium, isn't interested. But friends of his here say that he is nibbling at the latest bait: to appear in a Shakespearean film, a "version" of "A Midsummer Night's Dream".

His role, Bottom, the rustic weaver, who wears the head of an ass for that one enchanted night.

Kaye has been nothing to play Shakespeare ever since he became friendly with one of his chief fans, Sir Laurence Olivier. When he saw Olivier's "Henry V" in New York some years ago, he says, he first realised that Shakespeare was exciting and not the schoolroom bore he had always believed.

Since then he has come to know Olivier well, and has been further won over to the bard by Olivier's "Hamlet".

There is no possibility of an early decision about the film, however. Kaye's commitments in Hollywood will keep him there for several months.

Station Was Half-Painted

They were painting the buildings on one side of the 100-year-old Milford and Brocton, Staffordshire, railway station, through which 1,000 expresses a week pass from the north and from London, when suddenly the work was stopped. Soon there came through the news which made it a sad day for Stationmaster Leonard Wilshaw.

Reluctantly he raised his lamp to give the 6.52 p.m. train the right of way out and then collected his belongings and tramped home to supper. He had closed down the station to passengers for the last time—one side of it resplendent in its new coat of paint, the other a dirty, drab sight in need of attention.

The station will cater for a certain amount of heavy goods traffic, but not for ordinary parcels and passengers. Leonard is very philosophical about it. Says he: "The trouble is that hardly anyone uses the station, except the railway staff, as it is more than twice as cheap to travel from here by bus. The villagers around here are very upset that the station is closed to them. I don't see why they should be; they hardly ever use it."

This is the third station to be closed around Stafford since last summer.

If proof were needed of the interconnection of events in Europe and Asia, it is plain enough in the scenes taking place in French ports as Communist-led dock workers fight to prevent arms shipments to the French forces in Indo-China, writes Anne O'Hare McCormick in the New York Times. Vietnam, the French colony belatedly granted the status of a quasi-independent state, is rapidly becoming the Greece of the struggle for Asia, she says.

The nationalist movement in this Chinese borderland, like most of the revolts against Western rule in the countries occupied by the Japanese, has been spurred on by the example and aid of Communist China. Now, by one of the many paradoxes that star this rumpled page of history, the fruits of the seeds sown by Japan are being gathered in by Russia.

As Greece is the next step in the Soviet march in Europe and the bridgehead to the Mediterranean, Indo-China is the key to Southeast Asia.

The greater part of the French regular army is already engaged there in support of the Government of Bao Dai, the long-exiled descendant of the native dynasty whom the French brought back to rally the people against the rising tide of the Moscow-trained Ho Chi-minh.

Moscow and Peking have recognised the rebel regime in defiance of the French, while Britain and the United States back Bao Dai.

WABBLING STATES

Thus this unknown province in a complex of wabbling states between China and India is marked out not only for civil war and an incitement to division in France but as a pivotal point of the conflict in the Orient.

Thus the states next in line are uncertain of the outcome is indicated by the hesitation of the neighbouring kingdom of Thailand, or Siam, to recognise Bao Dai. Although French, British and American diplomats urged recognition and United States diplomats from the whole area were meeting with Dr Philip C. Jessup in Bangkok while the Cabinet was discussing the matter, the Thai

leaders cannot agree to commit themselves to an anti-Communist stand until they are sure that they are now that they will be effectively supported by the West.

Undoubtedly they are less influenced by us than by the example of Premier Nehru of India, who has also refused to follow the Western lead in Indo-China. Despite the fact that every advance to the south brings the Communists nearer to his frontier and increases the danger of Soviet encirclement of India, Nehru still hopes against hope that the sub-continent can maintain a position of neutrality while the swirling conflict is decided elsewhere.

ON SIDELINES

The desire to stand on the sidelines reflects doubt not only of Western capacity to halt Communist expansion in the Far East but also of the effectiveness and co-ordination of Western policy. This is where we come in, for unless the United States takes a strong lead the fears and waverings of the non-Communist Governments will undermine the possibility of organising the regional bloc the Western powers are vaguely contemplating.

After two months of secret bargaining, a Soviet-Chinese treaty has at last been worked out on terms that will probably never be known until they are revealed in action. But whether or not Mao gets a free hand in the Southeast in return for surrendering in the North, the agreement is sure to be followed by intensified pressure on the weak spots between the China Sea and the Bay of Bengal.

THE WEAKEST

Next to Burma, Vietnam is the weakest. It is immensely important to Soviet strategy because it is a lever that can be applied to Western Europe as well as Asia.

Ho Chi-minh's guerrillas are more potent than the Greeks because they keep the French army on the other side of the world and at the same time stir up serious trouble between Communist workers and the gendarmerie at home. In Nice, Marseilles, Toulon, La Rochelle, wherever ships are loaded with supplies for the troops in Indo-China, daily riots challenge the authority of a Government in Paris which walks a tightrope even on domestic issues.

Communist agitation in France extends also to strikes against landing arms from the United States under the Atlantic Pact programme. A similar movement is being staged in Italy, with less success.

PLAYING BOTH ENDS

In playing both ends of the line, Moscow is openly attempting to confuse and divide Western effort. It would be folly for the West to be diverted by the danger in the East from going full steam ahead with the programme of Atlantic defence. It would be equally foolish, however, to blink the consequences to the West of abandoning Southeast Asia to the sweeping expansionism of a power which takes advantage of the desire of subject peoples for independence and a better and larger life to lock them into a new empire under rulers who after thirty-three years are bolting the doors tighter than ever on their own imprisoned people.

Clifton Webb Gives Up Stage

Clifton Webb, once one of Broadway's brightest stars, says he has given up the stage "irrevocably and forever."

He expects this news to shake Broadway like a superbomb. "There they think people in movies are freaks," he explained. "But I find movie acting charming and pleasant. The vacations are pleasant too. I believe in vacationing freely, and in the movies I get them frequently."

"I've had my fill of the stage. I'm in pictures to stay as long as they will have me. After that I'm just going to bask in the sun."

Webb already has notified his old friend on the Great White Way that he won't be back. He says it has shocked them beyond measure.

"I was at a party one night with Lynn Fontaine, Alfred Lunt, Charles MacArthur, Helen Hayes and some others," he related. "They asked me why I didn't take a certain play I was offered. I told them I had no intention of going on the stage again. They were horrified."

IN SIXTH PICTURE

Webb recently finished his fifth year in Hollywood and his sixth picture, "Cheaper by the Dozen."

"I began to realize when I was in 'Billie's Spirit' on the stage that I needed new pictures," he said. "I played in it three years. I found it took a great deal out of me, in energy and enthusiasm. In pictures, you can go more swiftly from one character to another."

Webb added that he always has favoured more and better vacations and he's getting them in Hollywood.

"I have never been and do not intend now," he said, "to become an eager beaver who must always be doing something, not even if I have to take up baby sitting eventually to earn my living."

"I went to Palm Springs to relax after 'Cheaper by the Dozen.' A few weeks later I went to New York to see the shows. I see no reason to give up this comfortable life for the dubious joys of the stage."—United Press.

NEWS IN PICTURES



A WINNER—Actress Yvonne De Carlo's blue Persian champion, Masterpiece, got a nice blue ribbon for himself in the 15th annual California Cat Show in Los Angeles. His expression indicates that he's very bored with winning prizes, but Yvonne considers him a prize himself.



GPS AT COOKING SCHOOL—America's GI Bill is financing 26 war veterans studying at a cooking school in Paris. Teaching the fine art of French pastry, Raymond Desmellers, centre, instructs Joe Weiner, a former New York hotel chef, and Walter Beanton, of New Haven, how to whip up chocolate-covered plum cake.



MERMAID — Actress Dorothy Hart goes down to Santa Monica, for a swim between pictures. Dorothy's star is rising in filmland these days.



SHELTER FOR THE BIRDS—Workmen in Berlin pile up sand to cover the ruins of a bombed anti-aircraft tower now designated to become a hilltop bird sanctuary in the city's British sector. The tower was one of two that formerly stood in the Tiergarten.



ON HAND FOR THE OPENING—Flowers were presented to Haiti's First Lady, Mrs. Sumarsala Estime, by Edward J. Miller, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State, as President Estime, right, looks on. The ceremony marked the opening of Haiti's multi-million dollar Bicentennial Exposition at Port-au-Prince.



MOTHER AND SON—Brumas, a three-month-old cub at the London Zoo, takes the air with his mama, Ivy, as they sit in the "winter sun" shade. The name is a combination of his keepers' names, Bruce and Sam.

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KEEN ENOUGH TO TAKE A SPILL:



Schroeder May Defend His Wimbledon Title

Ted Schroeder, Wimbledon lawn tennis champion, may be able to defend his title next June after all, according to latest news received in London.

He will not be able to decide until next month whether business will allow him to come. My guess is that it will; it always does when tennis players begin talking like this.

If he does come he may pair for the doubles with Eric Sturges, of South Africa, who intends to return for this year's Wimbledon.

COLONY TENNIS

IP KOON-HUNG WINS SINGLES FINAL IN 41 MINUTES

Ip Koon-hung beat Tsui Wai-pui, former Champion, in straight sets in the Final yesterday to retain his title of Colony Open Tennis Singles Champion. The scores were 6-2, 6-0 and 6-3 and the match lasted exactly 41 minutes, the shortest time taken to decide a final in the history of the tournament.

The scores belie to some extent the hard fight put up by the challenger who yesterday played one of his best games. He employed all the tricks he knew to penetrate Ip's almost impenetrable defence, but the Champion's armour apparently suffered only slightly.

Ip need Tsui with cannonballs and when he advanced to the net—and he did pretty often—he won valuable points by killing the ball in time in setting right from the start. Ip drove deep and hard, and then varied with occasional drop shots just over the netcord. It was not long, therefore, before Tsui was putting hard from the effects, and he gradually lost control. Driving on points outright almost every time they crossed the court, and his variation with top spins further non-plussed the challenger, causing him to mis-hit and mis-time.

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Four love games were recorded, the first to Ip in the first set on his own service and three in a row in the third set, of which Tsui claimed two. Ip won the toss and elected to serve. He won the first game but Tsui levelled, scoring with hard drives. Ip took the third game, employing for the first time his powerful top spin service. He clinched the fourth game on Tsui's service to lead 3-1. In this game Tsui served his first double fault. Ip also brought his drop shots into play with telling effect. Driving on both hands with terrific power, Tsui took the fifth game on Ip's service, but dropped the sixth on his own delivery when he double-faulted at the all-important 30-all score. Ip went on to take the seventh game—4-1.

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The set took exactly 14 minutes and the game was played at a fast pace.

12 MINUTES FOR SET The second set was over in 12 minutes. Ip sending over deadly shots which left Tsui standing helplessly most of the time.

Ip had his drop shots working well, but Tsui who is also a master of that type of play



Ip (right) and Tsui somehow failed to get his shots over.

Leading for the first time, Tsui took the first game of the third set off Ip's service. In this game both delighted the gallery with beautiful passing shots and net volleys. However, the challenger could not maintain the lead and dropped the next game on his own service. Playing more aggressively Ip smashed his way through to win the third game and the fourth, bringing into action again his famous drop shots. However, on his own delivery Ip lost the fifth game, also at love, but won the next, also at love, to lead 4-2. The third love game in a row followed when Ip lost it on his own service, Tsui thus reducing the score to 3-4. Here Tsui was putting all he had into the game, driving hard from the net and following them up with volley killers. On service Tsui dropped the all-important eighth game and it was most heart-breaking to see his shots hit the netcord only a fraction of an inch below. Ip, on the other hand, was lucky in that respect. At least two of his shots just grazed the net and then bounced away on Tsui's side to win the point. There was no stopping Ip now and with his cannonball and top spin service working at top gear, he won the next game, the final point with an ace service, for set and match.

Ip said after the match that he played one of the hardest games in the tournament. He said Tsui was a very good player and he gave credit to Ip for his victory and said the Champion was the better man.

It is learned that Ip may take part in the 1950 Wimbledon games. Arrangements are under way for his trip to England and he hopes to get away well in time for the tournament.

TODAY'S GAME Today Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui, holders, will play Ip Koon-hung and Edwin Tsai in the final of the Colony Open Doubles Championship. The match is timed to start at 4.30 p.m. on the Stand Court.

Inter-School Sports

NINE RECORDS TOPPLE AS KING GEORGE V SCHOOL WINS GOVERNOR'S SHIELD BY "RECORDER"

Nine records fell in yesterday's Inter-School Sports finals at the Caroline Hill Stadium as King George V School finished eight points ahead of the Diocesan Boys' School to retain the Governor's Shield for the Championship proper. La Salle College was third with 33 points.

The most startling performance at this biggest sporting event in the local school world was turned in by Peter McRae of KGVS. Last year, though he had run second in both sprints in the Colony Open Championship, it was generally conceded that best had been seen from him.

Peter confounded the prophets by starting off with a new record of 11.3 seconds in the 100 Metres Dash, three-tenths of a second better than that which has stood for 13 years in the name of C. Hasegood (CBS).

As though this was not enough, he knocked four-fifths of a second off his own record in the 200 Metres set last year in returning 23 seconds dead.

Both performances are top-notch by Far Eastern standards and would rank among the best in Asia this year. They were, also, accomplished on what is a very indifferent track by international standards.

In both races, McRae was chased to the wire by Stephen Xavier of La Salle College, who also must have beaten the previous records as he was about a yard behind. In the shorter sprint and about three yards in the longer. Had he been timed, he would probably have been caught in 11.5 and 23.5 seconds. In the longer sprint, actually, he was the pace-setter and had about two yards on McRae with some 20 yards to go.

ANCHOR SPECIAL McRae's fastest effort must have come in the 400 Metres Relay when he had some 15 yards to make up on the Queen's College anchor and was within two yards of him at the tape.

His third record came in the 110 Metres High Hurdles—where the programme tells us, were 3 feet 6 inches or three inches above the normal height for schoolboys' hurdling—when he returned the record to the KGVS with a 17.0-second effort, breaking the record of 18.1 seconds set last year by Ho Hui-po of St Joseph's. Until last year, the record had been held by Brendan Wilson of CBS for a number of years.

A feature of the Sports was the all-round strength of the three principal rivals for the title this year—the winners, the Diocesan Boys' School and La Salle College. Despite the fact that a good percentage of points under the new system are scored on the standard points that are a feature of the English Public Schools' Championship and award a point to each competitor who passes the standard set for any event, the other schools were very much also-rans.

The final scores were: King George V School 53, Diocesan Boys' School 45, La Salle College 33, St. Stephen's College 16, Wah Yan P.M. College 15, Queen's College 11, St. Joseph's College 11, The College 8, Wah Yan A.M. College 7, Yau-mai A.M. School 5, Government Vernacular Middle School 2, Hongkong Technical College 2.

HIGH SPRINT STANDARD The standard was particularly high in the sprints with both the Senior and Junior Sprint Relay winners breaking the old Senior record, which had been considered quite respectable.

The surprise of the afternoon was Queen's College, four of Lam Sheung-lim, Lo Yu-kuang, Yau Tat-hay and Chan

Chun-yeung. In the heats earlier in the week they had been drawn in a group in which withdrawal had not necessitated the heat being run off.

Though started off by A. Turner and anchored by McRae, both members of last year's winning team that had done the distance in the good time of 48.0 seconds, the King George V boys were expected to have a rare feat of it reaching the tape ahead of the Diocesan Boys' School and La Salle College, both of which had teams known to be fast.

HARDLY CONSIDERED Queen's were hardly considered. They had one known runner, Lam Sheung-lim, who placed third in the 100 Metres, the only finalist from Queen's in either of the two sprints.

What happened shook everybody. Not only did Lam lead on the first leg but that lead kept increasing on the second and third leg. McRae found himself 15 yards behind the Queen's anchor.

He put on one of the most terrific sprints I have ever seen, but it was a hopeless endeavour. Queen's ran away with the race in the remarkable time of 47.5 seconds, an average of under 11.9 for the four runners.

That may seem remarkable by inter-school standards, but it wasn't when the fact is taken into consideration that all the finalists in the Senior 100 Metres and one or more in the Junior must have beaten 12 seconds in under 12 seconds would have reached the final of the Colony Open 100 Metres last year. Anything under 11.5 is almost certain to reach the final of the Far Eastern Olympic Games or the Asian Games, both due to be held in Hong Kong next year. Anything under 11.4 had an even chance of reaching the second round of the Olympic Games at London.

OLD RECORD TREMBLES A record in the book that belongs to another generation and a school that exists no more trembled yesterday afternoon and survived the last heave in the Shot Put.

That is the distance of 42 feet 10 inches put by N. Vargassoff of King's College in 1932. The challenger, E. da Costa of the Diocesan Boys' School, might have made it on his last throw if he didn't suddenly decide to take a tip from the champion who knew more about shot-putting and try to learn the lesson in one throw. Da Costa looked like he needed some advice on the finer points of the event, but it takes a lot of practice to change one's style. He reached 41 feet 9 inches, the best throw since Vargassoff's day.

SUMMARIES OF THE FINALS

SENIOR EVENTS

100 Metres Dash: 1. Peter McRae (KGVS); 2. Stephen Xavier (La Salle); 3. Lam Sheung-lim (Queen's); 4. Tsang Koon-shun (DBS); 5. Wong Kam-shung (St. Stephen's); 6. Leung Chak-ping (Wah Yan P. M.); Time: 11.3 seconds. New record.

200 Metres Dash: 1. Peter McRae (KGVS); 2. Stephen Xavier (La Salle); 3. Tsang Koon-shun (DBS); 4. Leung Chak-ping (WYPM); 5. Wong Kam-shung (SSC); 6. R. Heilmeyer (KGVS).

400 Metres Run: 1. Au Kiu-hung (DBS); 2. Tony Bragg (La Salle); 3. P. Craddock (KGVS); 4. M. Nicholson (KGVS); 5. Lam Sheung-lim (WYPM); 6. O. Lim (La Salle); 7. Tsang Koon-shun (DBS); 8. Donald Cheung (DBS) and Lo Chi-chi (La Salle).

800 Metres Run: 1. A. Robertson (KGVS); 2. P. Craddock (KGVS); 3. P. Benchart (DBS); 4. Wong Kam-shung (SSC); 5. Wong Kam-shung (SSC); 6. Wong Kam-shung (SSC); 7. Wong Kam-shung (SSC); 8. Wong Kam-shung (SSC).

1500 Metres Run: 1. A. Robertson (KGVS); 2. P. Craddock (KGVS); 3. P. Benchart (DBS); 4. Wong Kam-shung (SSC); 5. Wong Kam-shung (SSC); 6. Wong Kam-shung (SSC); 7. Wong Kam-shung (SSC); 8. Wong Kam-shung (SSC).

400 Metres Relay: 1. Queen's College (Lam Sheung-lim, Lo Yu-kuang, Yau Tat-hay and Chan Chun-yeung); 2. King George V School; 3. Diocesan Boys' School.

1600 Metres Relay

1. Diocesan Boys' School (E. da Costa, Donald Cheung, Au Kiu-hung and P. Benchart); 2. King George V School (A. Robertson, S. Fraser, M. Nicholson and Turner); 3. La Salle College.

110 Metres High Hurdles: 1. Peter McRae (KGVS); 2. S. Davies (KGVS); 3. Wong Kam-shung (La Salle); 4. Wong Kam-shung (La Salle); 5. Wong Kam-shung (La Salle); 6. Wong Kam-shung (La Salle); 7. Wong Kam-shung (La Salle); 8. Wong Kam-shung (La Salle).

High Jump: 1. Ling Sum (WYPM), 5 feet 0 1/2 inches; 2. Fok Yung-wai (SSC), 5 feet 5 inches; 3. Peter McRae (KGVS), 5 feet 3 1/2 inches; 4. Wong Kam-shung (DBS), 5 feet 3 inches; 5. S. Davies (KGVS), 5 feet 2 inches; 6. McRae won third places on fewer failures.

Long Jump: 1. Fok Yung-wai (SSC), 20 feet 3 1/2 inches; 2. Wong Kam-shung (DBS), 19 feet 4 inches; 3. E. da Costa (DBS), 18 feet 10 inches; 4. Wong Kam-shung (WYPM), 18 feet 3 1/2 inches; 5. Chan Shu-shing (SSC), 18 feet 3 inches; 6. F. Wong (La Salle), 18 feet 1 1/2 inches.

Shot Put: 1. E. da Costa (DBS), 41 feet 9 inches; 2. Harold Ong (La Salle); 3. R. Heilmeyer (KGVS); 4. Wong Kam-shung (DBS); 5. Lam Sheung-lim (WYPM); 6. Colloco (La Salle).

Throwing the Cricket Ball: 1. E. da Costa (DBS), 273 feet 8 inches; 2. M. Nicholson (KGVS); 3. J. Liu (SSC); 4. A. A. dos Remedios (La Salle); 5. S. Fraser (KGVS).

BROUGHT HOME THE RECORD



Peter McRae (left) of the King George V School with S. Davies, his team-mate, who brought the 110 Metres High Hurdles record back to the School, whose property it had been for more than 10 years until a St Joseph's boy took it away last year.

Davies, a close second, probably bettered or equalled the old record set last year. McRae set three records in all, including two remarkable ones by local standards in the two sprints.—Telegraph Staff Photographer.

Table Tennis History Was Made At The English Championships BY ARCHIE QUICK

Table tennis history was made in the English Championships at Wembley. For the first time, juniors won a senior title, and, as I exclusively forecast, the "expedite" rule was applied.

The tale of the two juniors is remarkable. They are Diane and Rosalind Rowe, the 16 years' old twins of a Greenford (Middlesex) businessman. Except that Diane is left-handed, the only way to tell them apart is that one uses a red bat and the other a green! The two met in the junior girls' final and, surprisingly, Rosalind won. But that day Diane had already fought and won eight matches.

Diane got to the Senior Women's Final, only to lose to Miss Shanahan, of New York City—a great achievement all the same—but the twins came into their own in the Women's Doubles final when they won the title by beating two English Internationalists, Miss Peggy Frank and Miss Dora Bergrin, a tremendous feat.

TITLES CHANGE HANDS Every title changed hands, except the veterans' singles which Mr. S. Sugarhood, of Romford, won again, but Britain did well, for apart from Miss Shanahan's American success, the only title to go out of the country was the Men's Doubles won by Dollinar and Harangozo of Yugoslavia.

Dick Bergmann added the English title to his World Championship by a great win over the French Champion, Huguennauer, but to me the high-spot of the tournament was to see the "expedite" rule being applied against the two American women, Mrs. Cloutier and Mrs. Donness.

As the game of table tennis, which has put the despised "ping pong" game on its feet, until now it is recognized as a world first class sport.

In the meantime, Harnia, Bergmann, Lench and Huguennauer are to play a series of exhibitions at Wembley next month. As an indication of the popularity of the game, the huge Wembley Empire Pool was filled to its utmost capacity each night until nearly midnight.

Saints Lose In Manila Manila, Mar. 24.—An all-Manila football selection last night handed Hongkong's St Joseph's team its first licking here by a score of 2-1 at Rizal Memorial Stadium.

St Joseph's had won its first four games here but the Manila selection, including stars from the Manila Interport team, halted the invaders' winning streak in a fast exciting game. Enrique Beech scored both of the local goals. Beech scored the first in the first half but St Joseph's left halfback, Arthur Santos, scored the equaliser early in the second half.

The tie lasted until three minutes before the end of the game when Beech booted in the winning goal. Time and again St Joseph failed to crack the stout Manila defence. The visitors will play a La Salle selection in a farewell match tonight. This will be a return match; the visiting team having previously defeated the La Salles 2-1.—United Press.

No Decision Yet From Joe Louis El Paso, Mar. 23.—Marshall Miles, manager of former Heavyweight Champion, Joe Louis, said here that no decision had yet been made as to whether Louis would attempt to regain his former title.

Earlier this week Miles said that Louis' decision would be announced on Saturday. But he stated today that the announcement would be delayed as he had to confer with officials of the International Sporting Club in New York next week.—Reuter.

AINTREE RACES

Field Of 18 For Liverpool Spring Cup

Liverpool, Mar. 23.—A field of 18 runners is likely to go to the post in the Liverpool Spring Cup, to be run over one mile, two furlongs and 170 yards at 4.15 p.m. GMT here tomorrow.

They are, with jockeys: Jack Scott (A. Dreyfus), Tacko (Edgar Brigg), Yellow Idol (J. Sime), Silvergate (Gordon Richards), Kibbelin (S. Clayton), Vasant (J. Wright), Interrogated (F. Carr), Slapdash (Doug Smith), Devancer (W. Christie), Shall Cross (W. Snalld), Red Carnation (L. Thorne), Trinity (J. Dymond), Nakersgate (D. Greenleaf), King's Ace (T. Mahon), Swift Flight (A. Carson), Pekin Way (R. Reader), Winter Crop (L. Piggott) and Royal Lion (E. Carter).—Reuter.

DOUBTFUL STARTER

London, Mar. 23.—Royal Cottage is a doubtful runner for the Grand National. His trainer, W. Payne, said tonight: "Mr. H. P. Prentman, who owns Royal Cottage, has informed me that he does not want to run the horse at Aintree."—Reuter.

CHANGE OF JOCKEY

London, Mar. 23.—Martin Molony, Champion Irish Jockey, will be unable to ride Lord Bicester's Roimond in Saturday's Grand National.

Ron Francis, who rode Roimond to second place last year, will now have the mount. Molony, who was injured at a recent Wolverhampton meeting, said at Liverpool today: "I still do not feel 100 percent fit and Lord Bicester has kindly released me from the engagement."—Reuter.

BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

R. Tay and P. H. Wong beat B. Funk and S. K. Howe 15-4, 15-0 in the Badminton Senior Men's Doubles semi-final last night. In the same event W. Fao and C. K. Lee beat G. Lum and J. Koo 15-7, 15-0. Results of other matches played were: Schoolboys' Doubles—K. Y. Tso and B. Kw. Y. 15-4, 15-4; and 8-0; T. Tsi 15-4, 15-4; Junior Men's Doubles—S. K. Cheong and G. F. Lam beat N. K. Chin and K. F. Lok 15-13, 15-5; Ladies' Singles—Miss U. Khoo beat Miss Marie Xavier 11-0, 11-4.

Acheson Makes New Study Of Far East Aid

Washington, Mar. 23.—The US Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, and his leading advisers on Far East affairs, began an intensive new study today of United States aid measures for Southeast Asia.

Mr. Acheson called on the Ambassador at Large, Dr. Philip C. Jessup, and the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. W. Walton Butterworth, to report their findings on their recent survey trips.

Officials said that means of bolstering the new French-backed State of Vietnam against Communist pressure was now the most urgent matter.

Down for a decision are a series of recommendations wired last week from Indo-China by a special technical mission headed by Mr. Robert Allen Griffin. These call for immediate measures to help the

new Bao Dai regime, with French backing, to restore economic and military stability. To provide immediate military support for Indo-China and other neighbours of Communist China, President Truman has a \$75,000,000 special arms fund which Congress voted last year.

The House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee yesterday approved an Administration non-military foreign aid bill which earmarked an estimated \$104,000,000 in unexpended Economic Co-operation Administration funds for Nationalist China and Southeast Asia.—Reuter.

NEW ERA

London, Mar. 23.—The Soviet Communist Party newspaper Pravda today said that Mr. Dean Acheson, the United States Secretary of State, admitted in his speech of March 15 the advent of a new era, according to Moscow Radio.

But while admitting this "the advent of a new era" aimed at reversing the wheel of events, Pravda claimed that India and the Philippines, while "allegedly" independent, were in fact subject to colonial rule. "The continuation of American reactionary colonial policy in Asia will inevitably bring about new failures and defeats," the Communist organ declared.

Pravda said that Mr. Acheson made a slanderous attack on the Soviet Union, resorting to "the most abject lies." Answering Mr. Acheson point by point, the paper described as "lie No. 1" the statement that in 1945 the Soviet Army seized Manchuria properly.

"Mr. Acheson forgets that the Red Army routed the Kwantung Japanese Army and captured Japan's war material as booty," Pravda said.

REVALUED ROUBLE
"Lie No. 2" was the allegation made by Mr. Acheson that as a result of the re-valuation of the rouble China would not get the full share of the Soviet credit due to her under the Sino-Soviet agreement.

"Mr. Acheson again forgets that to ensure against a devaluation of the dollar the agreement provides for a credit of three hundred million gold dollars calculated at the parity of 35 ounces of gold," Pravda continued.

"The Soviet paper defined as the 'negative' aims of American policy in Asia 'the subjugation of Southeast Asia to American military and political control, under the pretext of fighting Communism, and the seizure of rich natural resources by American capital'."

"Mr. Acheson's tirade about the freedom and independence of Asian peoples is only a masquerade camouflaging new forms of colonial domination and imperialism," the paper said.

INDIA SITUATION
Pravda cited India and the Philippine Republic as countries "allegedly" independent but in fact subject to colonial rule.

"India, the paper said, is deprived of machine-building industries—that foundation of industrialism—only because American monopolies oppose their creation as this would lessen India's colonial dependence on imperialist powers. Acheson praises democratic liberties in India, conveniently forgetting the almost daily shooting of strikers, dissatisfied peasants and democratic meetings. The preservation of British domination in Burma and Ceylon, which remain British semi-colonies, appears to Mr. Acheson as an ideal situation," Pravda added.—Reuter.

WIFE TO HELP
"It's not very great," he said. "The disease is rarely transmitted to adults, although at Carville I saw four elderly patients who contracted the disease as adults. But I plan to keep the kids well away from the place."

For himself he said the only precaution against the disease will be "ordinary cleanliness."

"Why," he said with a smile, "if you contracted it, you might not know it for 20 years."

He explained the incubation period is sometimes that long and that most people with the disease contracted it in childhood.

"His wife, Lois, a nurse from Dallas, Oregon, will assist him 'unofficially,'" he said.—United Press.

Chances Of Pacific Pact Said Very Remote

Canberra, Mar. 23.—The Opposition leader, Mr. Joseph B. Chifley, told the Australian House of Representatives today that the chances of getting any real Pacific pact on concrete terms were very remote.

Mr. Chifley, speaking in the foreign affairs debate, said that the problems of the Pacific were important, but the problem of Europe was vital to civilisation. It might be 20 years before danger would threaten Australia from the Pacific, but he had no doubt Russia could "walk across Europe today and be in Calais in a very short time."

"That would be only the beginning of a great world war," he continued.

"Russia could no more stand the war that could arise than could the Western democracies. There is only one country that could stand a war—the United States—and we might completely demoralise even her country."

Mr. Chifley said that he did not fear war in Europe, but he did fear "the creeping incursion of Communism, the fifth column which has crept over Europe."—Reuter.

To Help Lepers On Tinian

San Francisco, Mar. 23.—A Naval Reserve medical officer, who volunteered for 18 months' duty at a leper colony, said he felt it was his "Christian duty" to aid the "neglected."

Dr. Gordon C. McNelly left last night with his wife and children including his four-month-old daughter, for the Pacific leper colony Isle of Tinian.

"It is hard to put into words just why I want to go. My wife and I have felt for a long time that we want to help people who have been for the most part neglected," said the physician, recently in practice at Santa Rosa, California.

"I am a Christian," the square-faced soft-spoken doctor continued, "and as such I feel it is my duty to help where I can. This was the opportunity."

The 30-year-old lieutenant minimised the risk to himself and his family.

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CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE
Answers
1. "Los Miserables." 2. Escape of the mind from reality. 3. Grains. 4. Twelve. 5. To distribute proportionally. 6. Identification disc.

Two Kings Sit Down To Dinner



Two kings sit at dinner in Cairo. Host is Egypt's King Farouk, while his guest—in whose honour the dinner was given—is the King of Afghanistan, left. (London Express Service.)

"RICE" LOAN TO BURMA APPROVED BY COMMONS

London, Mar. 23.—The House of Commons today agreed to a British Government "rice" loan of £500,000 to Burma for use by the Burmese State Agricultural Board. An Opposition motion formally opposing the loan—a Parliamentary method of eliciting information—was withdrawn after Mr. Ernest Davies, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, had replied to the debate.

He said that it was a straightforward, normal commercial loan and that no money would be handed over until the rice was provided.

No political conditions would be attached to the loan if it finally went through, he said. Mr. Frederick Erroll, who opened the debate for the Opposition, said that the Burmese Government had decided to make the State Agricultural Board permanent feature of its economy.

The Board, with a monopoly of the export of all the rice grown in Burma, was in effect a bulk selling organisation—one of those often given an excuse by the British Government for having to resort to bulk buying, Mr. Erroll said.

He thought that if the marketing and export of rice was done by civilian firms as before the war the loan would have been unnecessary.

Mr. Erroll complained that according to a circular letter sent out by the Burmese State Marketing Board, the buyer must accept any quality of rice.

OBNOXIOUS FEATURE
A "particularly obnoxious" feature of this was that in any dispute the rice, though it might be admitted not to be of the right quality, could not be rejected by the buyer. He must submit to arbitration, not to the independent arbitration which was a feature of pre-war rice dealings in Burma, but by a surveyor appointed by the Union of Burma.

He considered that the British Government should have secured the benefits of independent arbitration in return for the proposed loan.

Mr. Erroll said that from newspaper reports it appeared that Japan intended to buy large quantities of rice from Burma and Siam. A figure of 500,000 tons had been mentioned.

Burma's rice exports this season were about 700,000 tons. "Can we be entirely sure we will get the rice for which this loan is intended?" he asked.

Was there not a danger that preferential treatment would be given to Japan who was now coming into the market in such a big way, and with the attractions of other forms of trading which would perhaps suit the Burmese very well?

SENSITIVITY
Mr. Woodrow Wyatt, Labour, deprecated making conditions for the loan. Britain would not think of accepting conditions from the United States Government, when accepting Marshall aid, on how she ran her internal affairs, he said. Private enterprise was not in the least bit concerned with the welfare of Southeast Asia, and merely said this was not a good commercial risk.

"The fact, which is extremely important for democracy in Southeast Asia, that Burma should be able to keep up the rice and be able to sell it in India, Pakistan and Ceylon was no concern of the banks," he said.

Sensitivity in Burma about foreign interference was extremely high. There had been a tremendous rise in nationalist feeling, and any attempt to impose conditions on Burma might well give a fillip to Communism in Burma.

Mr. John A. Blomfield, Labour, who went to Burma recently, said that Burma was in the front line of anti-Communism, and food was the first weapon in anti-Communism. This loan would help Burma's food production.

NOT TOLD
Mr. Richard Butler, former Under-Secretary for India and Burma, objected to Labour back-bench criticism of the Conservative motion, formally opposing the loan. He said that this was merely a method of confining a debate—which was on the Civil Estimates—to a particular subject. He saw no reason why, subject to the Minister's reply, his supporters should press a matter.

The Opposition had not been told about this loan and would have learned nothing about it if they had not followed the present procedure, he said.

Mr. Davies said that the loan might never be called upon. It was agreed at the Colombo Conference as a joint Commonwealth loan. Its object was to facilitate the buying of rice by India, Pakistan, Ceylon and Britain.

It was a straightforward commercial loan, the terms of which were still to be negotiated. Britain would be buying for herself and the colonial territories, including Malaya and Ceylon. It was not possible to reveal the probable amounts to be taken by Britain and other Commonwealth countries.

He stressed that no political conditions were attached to the loan.—Reuter.

Case Of Modified Smallpox
Perth, Mar. 23.—The Australian health authorities today announced that a Portuguese seaman from the 5,000-ton Glasgow cargo steamer, Blair, clove at Fremantle, had been found to have contracted modified smallpox.

Modified smallpox is a mild form of the disease in people who are only slightly susceptible to it or who are protected by vaccination.—Reuter.

Indian Socialist Leader Calls For Policy On Bengal

Calcutta, Mar. 23.—Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan, the Indian Socialist leader, suggested here today that the Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, should immediately convene a conference of representative Indians to evolve a national policy to deal with the situation created by the disturbances in East Bengal.

Mr. Narayan, who is Secretary-General of the Socialist Party of India, told a press conference: "At this hour, when the nation is in great peril, people should cease talking in different voices and should evolve a common policy of action."

"If there was any time for dispassionate thinking and united action, it is now."

The Socialist leader said that whatever national policy might be formulated it was the duty of all parties to "preserve peace in the country and guarantee to our Muslim citizens not only freedom from fear but also an equal and honourable status with other citizens of the country."

Replying to critics who had charged him and the Socialist Party with being "warmongers," Mr. Narayan said that the suggestion of armed intervention to "protect" human rights and life in East Bengal did not mean "conquest or annexation of East Pakistan."

He added that if Pakistan failed to maintain peace and

guarantee full security to minorities in East Bengal, "India will be justified in sending troops to create that condition there."

The Socialist leader said he had placed before Pandit Nehru the views of the Socialist Party on the present problem and suggestions to tackle it.

"It is for the Indian Government to decide the future course of action," he stated.

Two West Bengal Chief Ministers, Dr. B. C. Roy, told the State Assembly today that the Government was making arrangements to send 15 steamers to evacuate 1,400 refugees waiting at Chandpur, Narayanganj, Barisal and Khulna, in East Bengal.—Reuter.

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ALLEGED FASCISTS ACQUITTED

London, Mar. 23.—Two men, alleged to be Fascists, were acquitted at the Central Criminal Court here today of causing "mischief" at a London cinema when the Palestine film, "Sword in the Desert" was shown.

The film, which shows Jewish terrorists throwing a grenade at British occupation troops, was taken off after an uproar at the cinema. It was shown only once.

Cipping at the back of the court greeted the "not guilty" verdict on the two men—25-year-old John Cook and 50-year-old Bertram Pile.

It was stated that both had been members of the Union Movement of Sir Oswald Mosley, said to be "violently anti-Jewish."

Cook, denied being a Fascist and denied throwing fireworks inside the cinema.—Reuter.

Truculent At Sheerness

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Bank Of China's New Directors

San Francisco, Mar. 23.—The Bank of China has today 13 new directors and five supervisors, Peking Radio reported tonight when it said that these appointments had been made by the Central People's Government.

The Bank is operated jointly by State and private capital, the Radio said.

Pointing out that two-thirds of its shares formerly belonged to the Kuomintang, the Radio said that these shares had now been taken over by the Peking Government. The new directors and supervisors represented this part of share holdings.

All the directors and supervisors representing the remaining one-third of private share capital would remain as at present, "with the exception of war criminals," the Radio added.

The present position as a whole was expected to "strengthen the bank and make its work more efficient,"—Reuter.

MINE WORKERS
San Francisco, Mar. 23.—More than 5,000 miners in State collieries in Manchuria have become trade union functionaries or administrative workers during the past three years, according to Peking Radio tonight.

It added: "This, among other similar examples, indicates that the Government's policy of 'relying on the working class' is being fully implemented."

ANTI-BANDIT SUPREMO

London, Mar. 23.—Lieutenant-General Sir Harold Rowland Baines, new chief of anti-Communist operations in Malaya, arrived here today to be "briefed." He came by air from Cyprus.

He told airport reporters: "Just say I will do my best. All I know is what I have read in the newspapers and heard on the radio. You know as much as I do at present."

The General is expected to leave for Singapore in a few days.

His appointment as leader of all police and fighting forces against Malaya guerrillas is a civil post under the Malaya Federation Government.—Reuter.

NEW GREEK CABINET

Athens, Mar. 23.—A new Greek Government under the Greek Liberal leader, M. Sophocles Venizelos, was sworn in by King Paul tonight.

M. Venizelos, leader of the second largest party to emerge from the March 5 elections, decided that he would present an all-Liberal list of Ministers to the King.

The list, as approved by the King, contained only one non-Liberal Party Minister—M. Panagiotis Karamanolis, Union Party leader, who was named Minister of Defence and Vice-Premier.—Reuter.



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